

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE - Indiana's largest state operated property!

Patoka Lake Interpretive Services presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year. Take a close-up look at amazing animals! Join the naturalists for a hike! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information. Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time
Visit our website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/

July 2007 Activities

ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

Friday, June 29th

- 10a.m.-2p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 10a.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, Feathers, Fins or Fangs? Take a look at an interesting creature from Patoka! **vc**
- 2p.m. **Naturally Patoka** ~ Join us each Friday as we take a look at the world around us! **vc**

Saturday, June 30th

- 9a.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ Wear comfortable shoes and join us for this short 1/4 mile walk through the old road, the “Narrys”. Hear stories from Mr. Fred Dillard’s memoirs of how people lived in the early 1900s. Maple syrup? Wild game? Walk back in time and take a look at yesteryear. **vc**
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- 1p.m. **For the BIRDS** ~ Join us for a close-up look at resident bald eagle C52, barred owl and redtail hawk. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Gardening for Wildlife** ~ Learn tips and tricks for attracting caterpillars & butterflies to your gardens. What types of shrubs or flowers do hummingbirds like for nectar? Squirrel feeders, bluebird boxes, and habitat for bats will be discussed. **vc**



“Thunder Over Patoka”

Fireworks

Saturday, June 30th
10p.m. E.D.T.
Patoka Lake Beach

Join us for the first ever fireworks display to be held at Patoka Lake!
Come early and enjoy music by Crawford County Community Band!
Houseboat light show following the fireworks!
Don’t miss out on all the fun!
Brought to you by IDNR Patoka Lake & patokalakeindiana.com
The regular gate fee will apply.

Sunday, July 1st

- 9a.m. **Incredible Edibles** ~ Join the naturalist as we walk the Garden Rock Loop trail. Let’s take a look at nature’s sources of foods utilized by the native people and pioneers of the past. **vc**
- 10a.m.-2p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 11a.m. **Kids Activities** ~ Children ages 12 and younger, bring your parents and join us at the Visitor Center for stories, activities and games. Fun is waiting for you! **vc**
- 1p.m. **Creature Feature at the Beach** ~ Enjoy a “LIVE” guest featured at the beach. What is it? Come and take a look. **b**
- 1p.m. **Bird BINGO** ~ “Tweet! Tweet!” With slides and an old favorite game with a nature twist, let’s see what bird makes that sound or sings that familiar song. **vc**

Wednesday,, July 4th, Independence Day

- 8:30a.m. **Turtle Talk** ~ Take a close-up look at our resident box turtle. Find out why “she“ is here. Learn what box turtles like to eat and the new laws to protect them. **ccs**
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- 1p.m. **Redtail Hawk** ~ Featuring Patoka’s newest resident raptor, Redtail Hawk. Learn amazing facts about this type of hawk, what she likes to eat and why she is a raptor. **vc**
- 2p.m. **“Who Cooks for You?”** ~ Says the barred owl as this common hooting owl hunts the woods and streams of Patoka. Enjoy a close-up look at Patoka’s resident raptor. **vc**

Friday, July 6th

- 11a.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Join in the fun as we look at some of nature’s misunderstood creatures. A ssssurprise or two are in store for you and your family! **vc**
- 2p.m. **Totem Rock Hike** ~ Wear comfortable walking shoes and join in a 3 mile hike to Totem Rock. Bring insect repellent and drinking water. Learn the history of the area as we enjoy the beauty of the sandstone cliffs. **vc**

Saturday, July 7th

- 9a.m. **Gardening for Wildlife** ~ Where do butterflies go when it rains? Find the answer and more as we explore projects and possibilities regarding wildlife gardens. **vc**
- 10a.m.-2p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 10a.m. - 2p.m. **Woodcarving Demonstration** ~ Stop by the Visitor Center and visit with local artist Charles Baker as he demonstrates the art of woodcarving. Wood comes to life from a photograph & woodblock. Charles explores nature with chisels and more. Bluebirds, chickadees and wood ducks are just a few of the wildlife carvings that will be on display. Ask how you can get started in this fascinating art of working with wood. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Dutch Oven Cooking** ~ Learn tips and tricks to cooking in a cast iron Dutch oven. This program is featured for beginners and will offer a sample of the dishes prepared. **vc**

BALD EAGLE C52 & BARRED OWL
will be “OUT” in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center on the following days in addition to the regularly scheduled programs:
July 5th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, 26th & 31st!
Check out the programs with Redtail Hawk, our newest resident!

Sunday July 8th

- 9a.m. **Canoe & Kayak into Nature** ~ Meet at the beach and join in a journey on water as we explore nature and Patoka heritage. Bring your canoes or kayaks, insect repellent, and preferred refreshment. **b**
- 2p.m. **Turtle Talk** ~ Why does this box turtle live at the Visitor Center? What does a box turtle eat? Come and see. **vc**

Friday, July 13th

- 9a.m. **Kids Pond Walk** ~ Folks of all ages, wear comfortable walking shoes and join in a stroll to the Kids Fishing Pond. Meet at the modern campgrounds center shelterhouse and we'll see what's out and about. **ccs**
- 10a.m. **Eagles, Hawks & Owls, Oh My!** ~ Take a close-up look at 3 resident raptors. Discover the habits and habitats of birds of prey. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Amphibians and Herps** ~ Join in the fun as we look at some of nature's misunderstood creatures. **vc**

Saturday, July 14th

- 10a.m.-2p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 10a.m. **Visit the Dam** Tour the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dam and visitor center. Find out how Patoka Lake serves as flood control along with the detailed operations of reservoir management. Meet at the Visitor Center to travel to the Corps office. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Nature Flicks** ~ Watch a nature video and see what's living around a pond or lake? **vc**

Sunday, July 15th

- 10a.m.-2p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 10a.m. **Garden Stroll** ~ Enjoy a look at the backyard work in progress. Learn tips and tricks to gardening for wildlife. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Lografting Down the Patoka** ~ Enjoy an exciting part of Patoka's heritage as we take a look at the unique practice of building a lograft and floating the hardwood logs down river to Jasper. **vc**

Friday, July 20th

- 10a.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, Feathers, Fins or Fangs? Take a look at an interesting creature from Patoka! **vc**
- 2p.m. **Nature Flicks** ~ Join us for an afternoon of popcorn and a movie. Fun for the family! **vc**



ARTSPACE



The original paintings of artist Mary Rice will be featured during the month of July. Stop by the Visitor Center and enjoy her work.

If you or someone you know would be interested in displaying artwork at the Visitor Center, please give us a call at 812.685.2447.

Star Party

Saturday, July 21st

Families! Friends! Folks of All Ages!
Delight in the sights of the night sky as
Astronomical Societies from around the area
share their knowledge of the universe and
wonders beyond Mother Earth.

Patoka Lake Visitor Center 1-4p.m.

With slides and video programs get a lawn chair tour of galaxies, solar eclipses and much more. Take a look through a special solar telescope and see the sun! **vc**

Patoka Lake Beach 8p.m. until dawn

Solar Observation at the Beach ~ Tips for enjoying stargazing, followed by night sky viewing. With 20-30 telescopes, you will have an opportunity to view star clusters, nebulae, galaxies and much more! **b**

Bring lawn chairs, insect repellent, blankets
and red lights, if you have them.
Join us for an exciting afternoon & evening
of star watching at Patoka.
See you there!

Sunday, July 22nd

- 9a.m. **Birds of Patoka** ~ With slides and a look at Patoka's resident redbill hawk, let's discover the world of this winged wonder. **vc**
- 11a.m. **Patoka Heritage** Find out what life was like in the early 1900's with the video documentary, "River of Memories, Lake of Dreams." **vc**
- 1p.m. **Patoka River Watch** ~ Explore the ecosystem of the upper reaches of the Patoka River with special guest, Larry Gillen. We will meet at the Visitor Center and travel to Valeene where we will check out the Patoka River. Be prepared to get wet.
- 2p.m. **Turtles of Patoka** ~ Take a look at some common and not so common turtles. Learn which species live around here. **vc**

Friday, July 27th

- 9a.m. **Garden Rock Loop Hike** ~ Wear comfortable shoes and join in a morning walk through the pawpaw patch and the sandstone cliffs as we take a look at what critters are out and about. **vc**

Saturday July 28th

- 9a.m. **Nature Photography** ~ Beginners, bring your camera and join the naturalist as we look at outdoor opportunities for those great shots! Lights, angles, and action all play a part in your final photograph. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Canoe & Kayak into Nature** ~ Meet at the beach and join in a journey on water as we explore nature and Patoka heritage. Bring your canoes or kayaks, insect repellent, and preferred refreshment. **b**

Sunday, July 29th

- 9a.m. **Tree Hike** ~ Let's take a look at the foods that trees provide. Join the naturalist for this 1/2 mile Garden Rock Loop hike. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Owls of Patoka** ~ With a special guest, learn about the 3 common owls of the Patoka area and the special features of these hunters of the night. **vc**

KEY for Program Locations:

- vc - Visitor Center
b - Beach
ccs- Modern Campground Shelterhouse